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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE, DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE

SUBJECT: Estimate of French Economic Progress (ORE 24-50)

REFERENCE: DCI Directive 3/1, dated 8 July 1948

1. Problem.

To estimate the economic progress which will have been achieved in France by the close of the European Recovery Program.

2. Scope.

As a basis for such an estimate, analyses of the levels of economic activity and of the soundness of the economy are required, phased in terms of progress to date and estimated progress at the scheduled close of the present program. The analyses are to be made with particular reference to goals which EDA has set for France. The term "soundness of the economy" is understood to include such factors as (a) high productivity; (b) equilibrium in foreign payments; (c) monetary and fiscal stability; and (d) an equitable distribution of the national income.

3. Deadlines.

It is desired to have an ORE draft early in July. Departmental requirements are established accordingly.

4. Departmental Action.

(a) The Intelligence Organization of the Department of State is invited to contribute to this study by preparing the analyses described in para. 2 by 1 June 1950.

(b) OIR is invited to submit an outline of its proposed treatment of the subject by 7 April 1950. After receiving this outline, ORE will schedule a conference between representatives of OIR and ORE to consider the scope and treatment of the paper.

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- (c)  Code 143, Extension 2349, is designated OIR representative for this project. It is requested that a corresponding representative of OIR be designated in writing.

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